Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a virtual local area network (VLAN), a method of handling emergency voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) calls comprising the steps of:

reserving a range of specific port numbers for use during emergencies;

detecting a call within the VLAN having a port number falling within said range of specific port numbers;

classifying the call as an emergency call;

reserving extra resources for handling the emergency call:

determining an actual priority value of the call; and

~~increasing~~ routing the emergency call packets to a queue requiring a higher priority than the actual priority value of the emergency call.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of reserving a range of specific port numbers further comprises

reserving a specific range of port numbers so that when a port number within the range of specific port numbers is detected, the priority value of the call is raised.

3. (Cancel)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of reserving a range of specific port numbers further includes the step of increasing the priority value of said call to seven.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of reserving extra resources is followed by the step of transmitting the call to a 911 operator.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of reserving extra resources is followed by the step of transmitting the call to a fire department.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of reserving extra resources is followed by the step of transmitting the call to an ambulance.

8.   (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of reserving extra resources is followed by the step of transmitting the call to a police department.

9.   (Previously Presented)   In a virtual local area network (VLAN), a module for managing emergency voice over internet protocol (VoIP) calls, comprising:

    means for reserving a range of specific port numbers for use during emergencies;

    means for detecting a call within the VLAN having a port number falling within said range of specific port numbers;

    means for classifying the call as an emergency call;

    means for determining an actual priority value of the call; and

    means for routing the emergency call packets to a queue requiring a higher priority than the actual priority value of the emergency call.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The module of claim 9 wherein said means for reserving a range of specific port numbers further comprises

    means for reserving a range of specific port numbers so that when a port number within the range of specific port numbers is detected, the priority value of the call is raised.

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Original)   The module of claim 9 wherein said means for reserving a range of specific port numbers further comprises means for increasing the priority value of said call to seven.

13.   (Original)   The module of claim 9 further comprising means for transmitting the call to a 911 operator.

14.   (Original)   The module of claim 9 further comprising means for transmitting the call to a fire department.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The module of claim 9 further comprising means for transmitting the call to an ambulance dispatcher.

16.   (Original)   The module of claim 9 further comprising means for transmitting the call to a police department.

17-24. (Canceled)